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**114.3 CMR 43.00: Hospice Services**

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**Rate Update**

On September 25, 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a correction to its annual change in Medicaid hospice payment rates, relative to hospice rates effective October 1, 2007. As a result of the correction, some rates for hospice services originally published in the Division's Informational Bulletin 07-09 have changed. The corrected rates appear in the tables below.

Pursuant to regulation 114.3 CMR 43.04, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy has updated the hospice per diem and per hour rates for MassHealth hospice providers. As outlined in section 114.3 CMR 43.04(3), changes in Medicare rates result in like changes in MassHealth rates and are announced in a Division of Health Care Finance and Policy Information Bulletin.

Change to the Regulation

The new Medicaid per diem or per hourly rates will be effective October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

The expected fiscal impact for MassHealth for the effective period of these rates is \$210,292 based upon projected expenditures of \$5.27 million for the fiscal year October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 and an average change in rates of 3.99%. Projected overall MassHealth hospice expenditures for the same timeframe total \$85.4 million, with the difference represented by nursing home room and board expense.

The revised hospice per diem or per hour rates by county appear in the attached tables:

Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$151.07	\$158.14
Continuous Home Care	\$ 36.83	\$ 38.42
Inpatient Respite	\$160.08	\$166.70
General Inpatient	\$667.14	\$695.58

Middlesex	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$147.89	\$151.10
Continuous Home Care	\$ 35.93	\$ 36.71
Inpatient Respite	\$156.92	\$160.67
General Inpatient	\$651.87	\$666.46

Essex	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$141.82	\$145.64
Continuous Home Care	\$ 34.46	\$ 35.38
Inpatient Respite	\$151.72	\$155.98
General Inpatient	\$626.77	\$643.84

Bristol	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$145.91	\$149.25
Continuous Home Care	\$ 35.45	\$ 36.26
Inpatient Respite	\$155.23	\$159.08
General Inpatient	\$643.72	\$658.80

Berkshire and Pittsfield	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$138.40	\$144.12
Continuous Home Care	\$ 33.63	\$ 35.01
Inpatient Respite	\$148.80	\$154.69
General Inpatient	\$612.62	\$637.57

Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$139.04	\$142.27
Continuous Home Care	\$ 33.78	\$ 34.57
Inpatient Respite	\$149.34	\$153.10
General Inpatient	\$615.26	\$629.91

Worcester	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$146.51	\$148.65
Continuous Home Care	\$ 35.60	\$ 36.11
Inpatient Respite	\$155.74	\$158.56
General Inpatient	\$646.17	\$656.30

Rural Mass	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$138.73	\$157.95
Continuous Home Care	\$ 33.71	\$ 38.38
Inpatient Respite	\$149.08	\$166.54
General Inpatient	\$614.00	\$694.81

Barnstable	Current Rates	New Rates
Routine Home Care	\$161.54	\$166.66
Continuous Home Care	\$ 39.25	\$ 40.49
Inpatient Respite	\$168.62	\$174.00
General Inpatient	\$708.41	\$730.86